

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>USA DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	
<b>SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC00-177</b>

On November 6, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from USA Digital Communications, Inc. (USA Digital).

USA Digital proposes to offer switched and dedicated 1+ services to business and residential customers. A proposed tariff was filed by USA Digital. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 9, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 24, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 30, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered USA Digital's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that USA Digital not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that USA Digital has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. USA Digital has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves USA Digital's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that USA Digital not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that USA Digital's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective January 6, 2001, subject to the condition that USA Digital not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that USA Digital shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of December, 2000.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner